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AGENDA

HISTORIC SITE BOARD

September 20, 2004

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

ITEM 1 – ADMINISTRATIVE

A. Board Administrative Matters and General Information

- Excused Absences
- Other General Information

B. Conflict of Interest Declaration

C. Approval of July 2004 Board Minutes

D. Reports

E. Announcements

ITEM 2 – PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

A. Public Comment

B. Presentations

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM 3 - HISTORICAL ASSESSMENT OF THE 1502 KETTNER BOULEVARD WAREHOUSE

Applicant: County of San Diego, General Services, represented by Jeff Redlitz

Location: 1502 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego, Ca 92101

Description: Historical assessment of the Kettner Boulevard warehouse was undertaken by Scott A. Moomjian, Historic Property Consultant with the office of Marie Burke Lia, Attorney At Law and who is listed on the County of San Diego's Environmental Consultant list as an approved Historian. Historical research indicates that the 1502 Kettner Boulevard warehouse was designed by an unknown architect as a One-Part Commercial Block building, which is a commercial type of architectural classification. Contractor Dan C. Cartwright built the building in 1947. Since structures that are at least 45 years of age may be considered historically significant under CEQA, the historical evaluation was prepared in accordance with National Register of Historic Places Criteria, the Californian Register of Historic Places Criteria, CEQA Criteria, and San Diego County Significance. The study has determined that the 1502 Kettner Boulevard warehouse is not historically or architecturally significant.

Today's Action: Recommend approval of the conclusions of the Historical Assessment report.

Staff Recommendation: Recommend approval of the Historical Assessment of the 1502 Kettner Boulevard Warehouse Report.

ITEM 4 – CLG GRANT

Applicant: County of San Diego, Department of Planning and Land Use (DPLU)

Description: The DPLU is seeking approval of the CLG Grant (\$14,400) that was received and matching funds in the amount of \$15,600.

Today's Action: Recommend approval of the CLG Grant and matching funds.

Staff Recommendation: Recommend approval of the CLG Grant and matching funds.

ITEM 5 –GRANT APPLICATION TO RESTORE THE BANCROFT ROCK HOUSE

Applicant: County Parks, Represented By Historian Dr. Lynne Christenson

Location: Spring Valley

Description: The Bancroft Rock House, currently owned by the County of San Diego, Department of Parks and Recreation (County Parks), was build by Hubert Howe Bancroft, noted California historian. The rock house is on the grounds of the adobe known as the Bancroft Ranch House, a National Historic Landmark and California State historic site (No. 626). The Rock House was built between 1888 and 1890 from materials taken from old stone corrals. The restoration proposed consists of a seismic retrofit and restoration, as the Rock House is currently in a state of disrepair and not available to the public.

Today's Action: Recommend a letter in support of the grant proposal to the California Cultural and Historical Endowment (CCHE).

Staff Recommendation: Recommend approval of the grant and preparation of a letter in support of the grant to the California Cultural and Historical Endowment by the Historic Site Board.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM 6 – OTHER GRANT APPLICATIONS BY COUNTY PARKS

- CCHE grant application for completion of restoration of Warner's Ranch House and stabilization of the barn.
- IMLS application to conduct a condition assessment on the antiques at Rancho Guajome.

ITEM 7 – CAMP LOCKETT MEETING

County Parks has been asked to participate in a meeting with County of San Diego Department of Housing and Community Development, Community Development Division, to clarify the restriction on the use of facilities in Camp Lockett Historic District where improvements have been financed by the department's HUD Community Development Block Grant funds. The meeting has not yet been scheduled; however, Lynne Christenson would like the Historic Site Board to be represented at the meeting.

ITEM 8 – CAMP LOCKETT PARKING LOT

County Parks Historian Lynne Christenson: "I received a phone call from Jose Durado of the County House and Community Development division. He is the project manager for a project to install a parking lot next to the Community Center on Sheridan Road. He had heard that this area was going to a park and he wanted to make sure that they didn't do anything contrary to the historic district or the park. The area for the parking lot is a vacant lot currently. I told him about Camp Lockett and that I had been informed that a parking lot was in the plans for this area and that the Community Center and its projects were part of Phase 3. I told him that the area for the parking lot was within the Historic District. My recommendations to him were as follows:

- He would need approval from the County Historic Sites Board to do this project, since the Historic District is a County designation
- He would need to have any grading monitored by an archaeologist. The area has been surveyed for archaeological features and those resources that are missing have been mapped

If you have any suggestions or comments, please let me know so I can convey them to Mr. Dorado"

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ITEM 9 – ELIMINATION OF STATE HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

The recently issued California Performance Review (CPR) report prepared for Gov. Schwarzenegger includes a recommendation to eliminate the State Historical Resources Commission even though the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended in 2000 requires a qualified state commission. If this Commission is eliminated, it also basically eliminates the Office of Historic Preservation, which will eliminate several programs. It costs the State \$17,000 to support the Commission each year, in return OHP receives federal funding ((\$1.2 Million last year).

Should the Historic Site Board send a letter of opposition to the proposal?

OTHER

ITEM 10 – FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Next meeting will take place on Monday, October 18, 2004
- Consider the Glen and Constance Tomlinson Residence for designation and Mills Act

ITEM 11 – ADJOURNMENT